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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

SINGLE BENCH : HON'BLE SHRI H.L. DATTU, C.J.

Writ Petition No.1974 of 2002

Petitioner	Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Kevat-Navagaon, R/o Kevat-Navagaon, Tahsil Dondi Lohara, District Durg (C.G.)
	Versus
Respondents	1. State of Chhattisgarh through Secretary, Department of Panchayat, Mantralaya D.K.S. Bhavan, Raipur (C.G.)
	2. Commissioner, Raipur Division, Raipur.
	3. Additional Collector, Durg.
	4. Sub-Divisional officer, Dondilohara, District Durg.
	5. Chief Executive Officer, Janpad Panchayat, Dondilohara, District Durg.
	6. Bhuvaneshwar Das Baghel, S/o Dhurva Das, aged about 30 years, R/o Village - Kevat - Navagaon, Tahsil Dondilohara, District Durg.

Present : Shri Rajeev Shrivastava, counsel for the petitioner.
Shri A.S.Kachhawaha, Government Advocate for the State.

ORAL ORDER
(Passed on 16th March, 2007)

The sixth respondent was working as a Secretary of Gram Panchayat, Kevat-Navagaon. The said Gram Panchayat – petitioner had passed an order removing his services as the Secretary. The sixth respondent had questioned the said order before various authorities. Aggrieved by the orders passed by those authorities, the Gram Panchayat through its Sarpanch is before me.

(2) After going through the orders, I am of the opinion that respondents No.3 to 5 were justified in coming to the conclusion that the Gram Panchayat, without following the procedure prescribed under the

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rules, could not have removed the sixth respondent from the post of the Secretary. Therefore, any interference with the said orders by this Court is not called for.

(3) In that view of the matter, the writ petition requires to be rejected and is accordingly rejected. However, liberty is reserved to the petitioner – Gram Panchayat, if so desires, to remove the sixth respondent only after following the due procedure in accordance with law. Ordered accordingly.

Sd/-
Chief Justice